Dear Col. Landon,

I am afraid ~~the concluding portion of~~ in concluding my letter of the 5th instant ~~has been incorrectly worded~~ and I hasten to ask you once again to accept my sincere expressions of regret for what has taken place.

As all arrangements for my trip to Europe had been completed, I find it difficult at this stage to cancel it. I am therefore submitting herewith my application for leave and shall feel obliged if you will kindly forward it to Government with your recommendation for sanction.

Yours sincerely,